

COL Rick P. Ullian

Commander, 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment

Colonel Rick Ullian was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery after graduating from UCLA in 1991. He was first assigned to the 10th Mountain Division where he served as a Company Fire Support Officer during Operation Restore Hope, Somalia and then as the Commander of the 10th Field Artillery Detachment in support of Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti.

After completing the Infantry Officer's Advance Course, he commanded a Battery in the 3rd Infantry Division, served as a Battalion Fire Support Officer in the 75th Ranger Regiment, worked as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commander of the United States Army South (USARSO) and commanded USARSO's Headquarters Company.

Following attendance at the Navy's Command General Staff College in 2003, COL Ullian was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as a Brigade Fire Support Officer for the 101st "Attack" Aviation Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom I (Mosul), and as a Battalion S-3 and XO in the 506th Infantry Regiment "Currahee" during Operation Iraqi Freedom III (Baghdad). In the summer of 2007 COL Ullian signed in to the Joint Staff (J-3) and spent two years working as a Global Operations Officer in the National Military Command Center.

In 2009, COL Ullian returned to Fort Campbell to join the 187th Infantry Regiment "Rakkasan" and command its Field Artillery Battalion. While in command, he led a 1200 Soldier maneuver task force responsible for defeating the Haqqani Network in the strategically important border province of Khowst, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. After command, COL Ullian served one year as a Current Operations Officer on the Army Staff (G-3), one year as an Army Fellow at the Institute of World Politics and finally as the Special Assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army before taking command of the 19th BCD.

COL Ullian holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UCLA and a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, where he graduated with distinction. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course, the Infantry Officer's Advance Course, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, the Joint Firepower Control Course, the Navy's Command and General Staff College, the Army War College Fellowship Program and the Joint Forces Staff College. Additionally, he has completed the Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger, and Jungle Warfare training courses.



COL Ullian's awards and decorations include the Soldier's Medal for Heroism, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Bronze Star Medal for Service (2 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Navy Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, NATO ISAF Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Air Assault Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the German Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge.